

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.121(b)(1)(iii), a marked up copy of each paragraph amended below appears on the page immediately following each amendment.

Please delete page 1, line 1 to page 1, line 7, and insert the following therefor:

-- BACKGROUND

The disclosure relates to audio connectors, and more particularly to an apparatus and method for significantly reducing spurious noise coupled onto one audio input/output ("I/O") connector and preventing such spurious noise from interfering with a signal from another audio I/O connector. --

Please delete page 3, line 15 to page 3, line 22, and insert the following therefor:

-- SUMMARY

The present disclosure relates to a method of dynamically disabling a primary audio I/O connector when a device is connected to a secondary audio I/O connector and locating the disablement point to significantly reduce any spurious noise coupled onto the primary audio I/O connector and its associated electrical components and cabling. In one embodiment, a transistor disables a primary audio I/O connector by pulling it to a zero voltage level when a device is coupled to a secondary audio I/O connector. --